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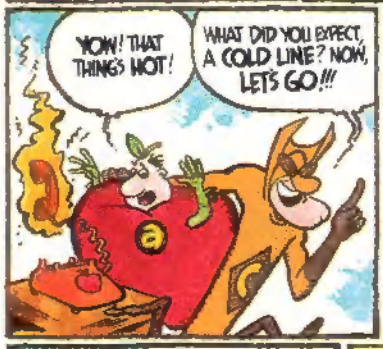

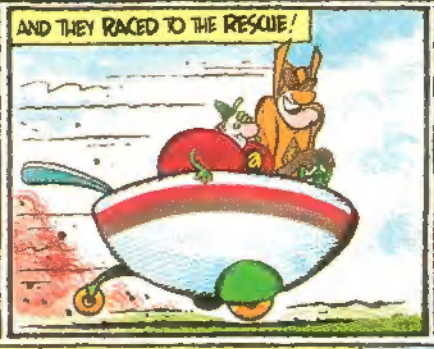

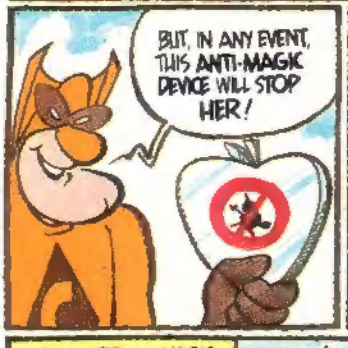

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...A DARK SECRET!
THERE! JUST AS GAIA SUSPECTED. SOMEONE HAS BEEN USING THIS AREA FOR THE ILLEGAL DUMPING OF TOXIC WASTE

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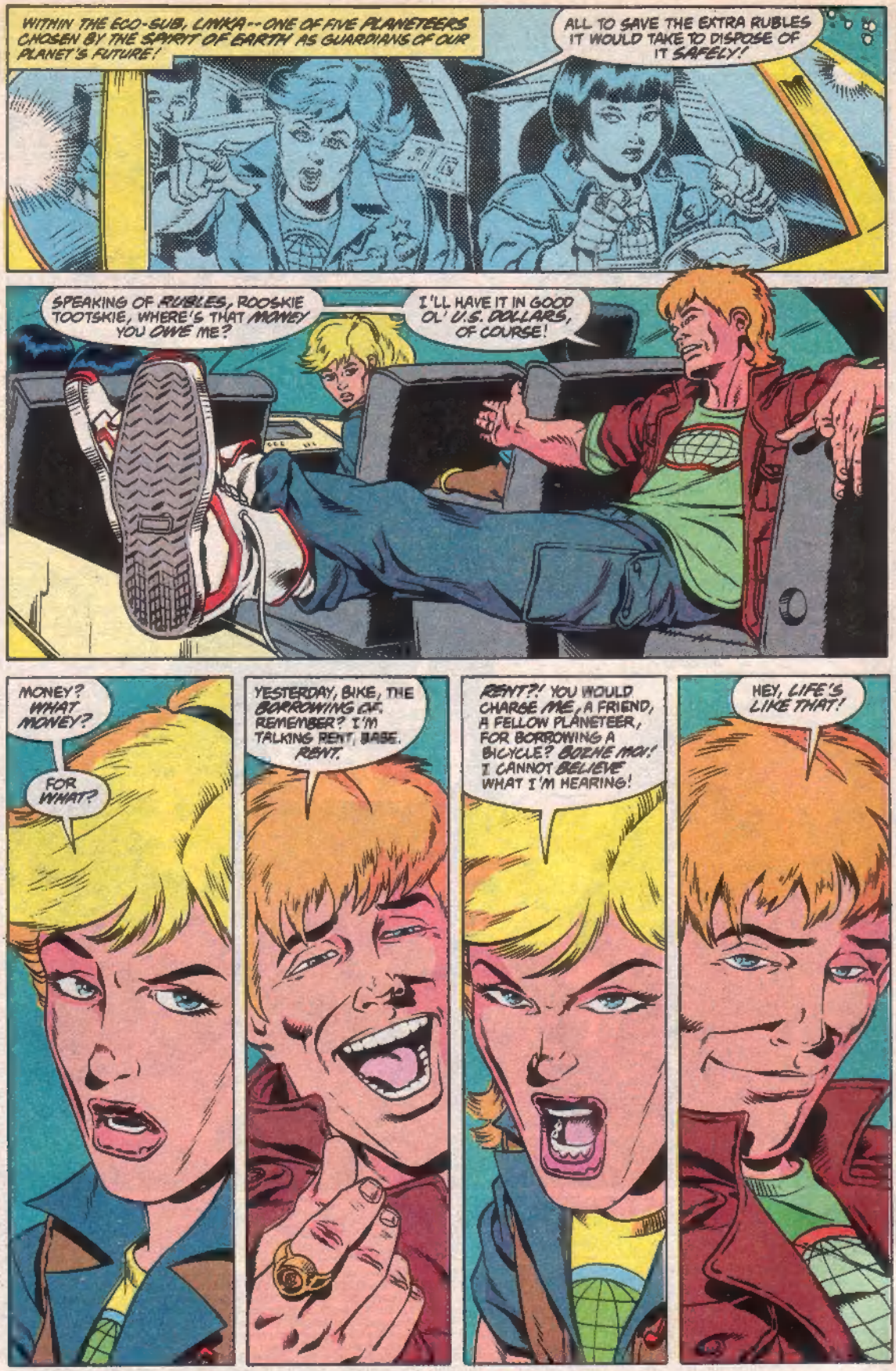
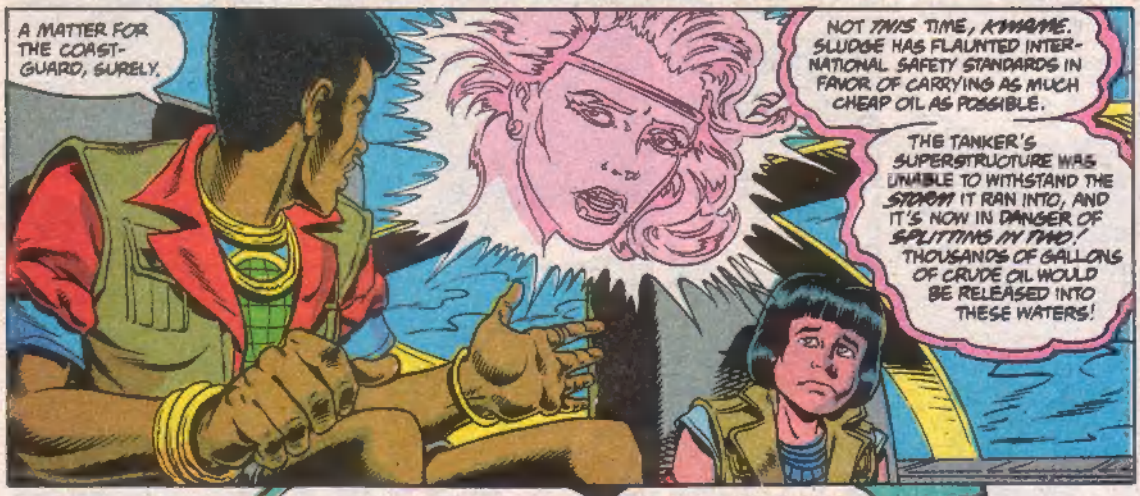
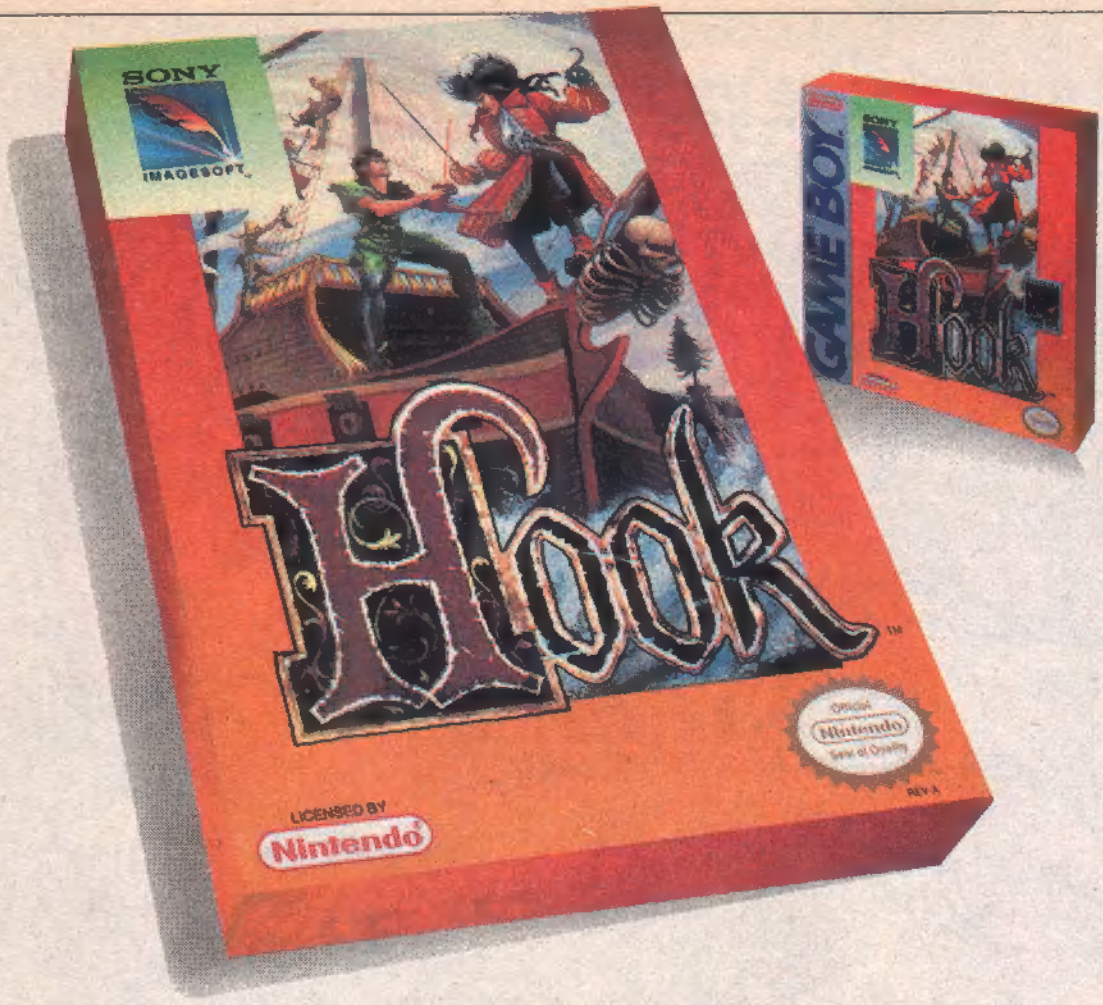

WITHIN THE ECO-SUB, LAYKA -- ONE OF FIVE PLANETEERS CHOSEN BY THE SPIRIT OF EARTH AS GUARDIANS OF OUR PLANET'S FUTURE!
ALL TO SAVE THE EXTRA RUBLES IT WOULD TAKE TO DISPOSE OF IT SAFELY!
SPEAKING OF RUBLES, ROOSKIE TOOTSKIE, WHERE'S THAT MONEY YOU OWE ME?
I'LL HAVE IT IN GOOD OL' U.S. DOLLARS, OF COURSE!
MONEY? WHAT MONEY?
FOR WHAT?
YESTERDAY, BIKE, THE BORROWING OF. REMEMBER? I'M TALKING RENT, BABE. RENT.
RENT?! YOU WOULD CHARGE ME, A FRIEND, A FELLOW PLANETEER, FOR BORROWING A BICYCLE? BORNE MOI! I CANNOT BELIEVE WHAT I'M HEARING!
HEY, LIFE'S LIKE THAT!

YOU GLIMY SON OF A CAPITALIST--
PLANETEERS, YOU ARE NEEDED ON THE SURFACE.
GAIA! WHAT IS IT?
SLY SLUDGE IS IN THE AREA, MA-TI-- MOVING A SHIPMENT OF BLACK MARKET OIL IN HIS NEW SUPER-TANKER.


A MATTER FOR THE COAST-GUARD, SURELY.
NOT THIS TIME, KWAME. SLUDGE HAS FLAUNTED INTERNATIONAL SAFETY STANDARDS IN FAVOR OF CARRYING AS MUCH CHEAP OIL AS POSSIBLE.
THE TANKER'S SUPERSTRUCTURE WAS UNABLE TO WITHSTAND THE STORM IT RAN INTO, AND IT'S NOW IN DANGER OF SPLITTING IN TWO! THOUSANDS OF GALLONS OF CRUDE OIL WOULD BE RELEASED INTO THESE WATERS!

BUT... IF THAT HAPPENS, THE COST TO MARINE LIFE WOULD BE IMMEASURABLE!
HANG ON, PLANETEERS-- WE'RE GOING UP! WE'LL DEAL WITH THE DUMP LATER. FOR NOW...
...I'LL MARK THE SPOT!

WHILE ABOVE...
OH THE INJUSTICE OF IT ALL!
THESE WATERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SO GOOD TO ME IN THE PAST! A LITTLE SMUGGLING HERE, A LITTLE DUMPING OF TOXIC WASTE THERE. AND NOW THIS!
IT'S JUST NOT FAIR!
STILL, WILL ANY LUCK, IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO RIDE THIS OUT! AFTER ALL, THINGS CAN'T GET MUCH...
...WORSE...
THE PLANETEERS! THAT'S ALL I NEED! FOR WHERE THERE ARE ECO-BOATS...
...THERE'S CAPTAIN PLANET!
TIME FOR A FAST EXIT!



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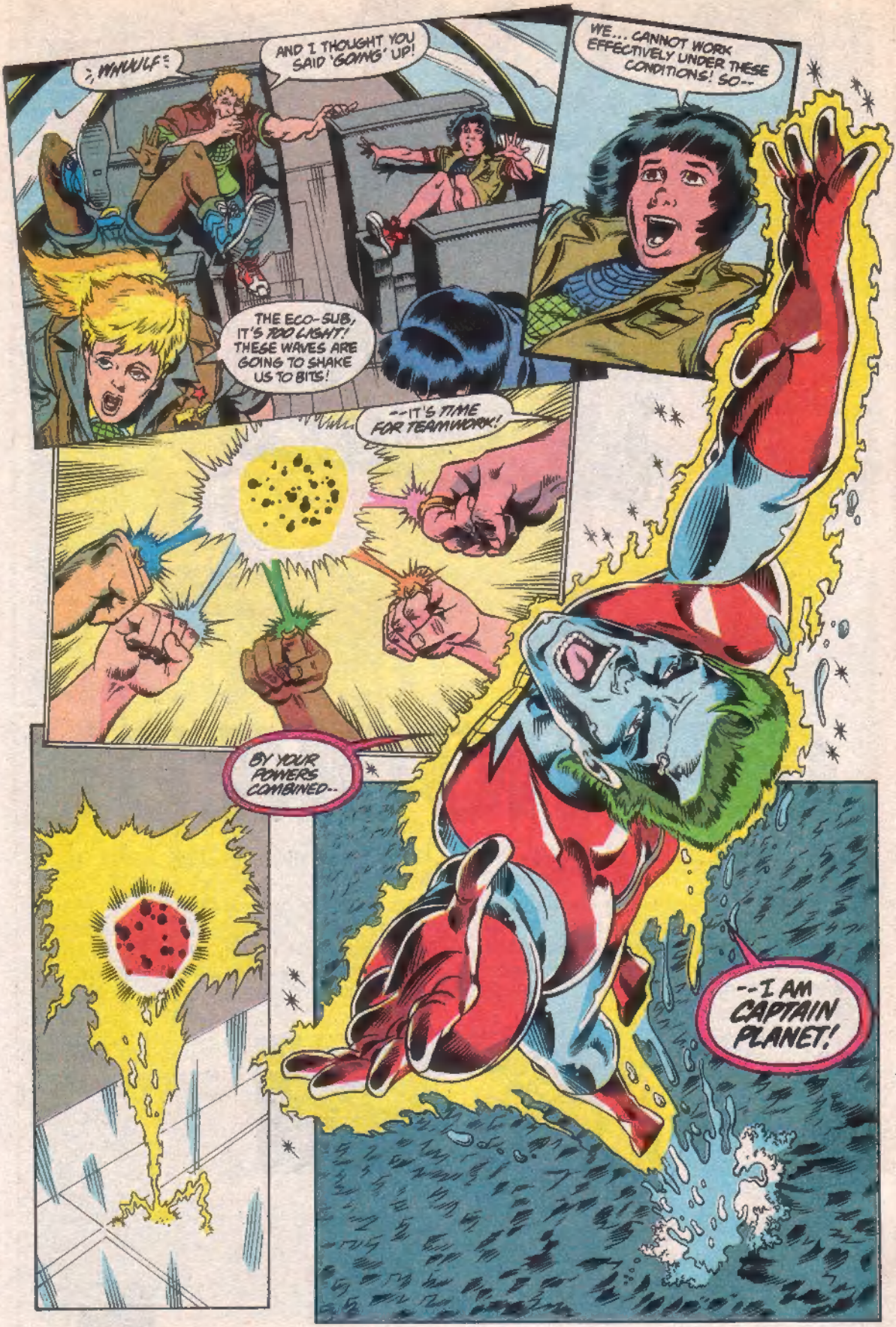
AND I THOUGHT YOU SAID 'GOING' UP!
WE... CANNOT WORK EFFECTIVELY UNDER THESE CONDITIONS! SO--
THE ECO-SUB, IT'S TOO LIGHT! THESE WAVES ARE GOING TO SHAKE US TO BITS!
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--THAN BY POURING A LITTLE OIL ON TROUBLED WATERS!
NO!
SLUDGE IS EMPTYING HIS TANKS--STRAIGHT INTO THE SEA!
SO MUCH LIFE HERE! IF THIS IS ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF SEA BIRDS AND FISH WILL PERISH!
I SHARE YOUR CONCERN, G/. BUT THOSE LIVES...
...ARE IN THE SAFEST OF HANDS!

OKAY, SLUDGE. IF YOU WANT TO PLAY DIRTY...
CNNG!
...LET'S ROCK!
GO PLANET!
CNNG!
RWLF GO...
PHUW! LANET...
OH MY! LOOK, PLANETEERS-- LOOK!
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AND BY THE TIME PLANET GETS MY TANKER TO CALMER WATERS, I'LL BE LONG GONE!
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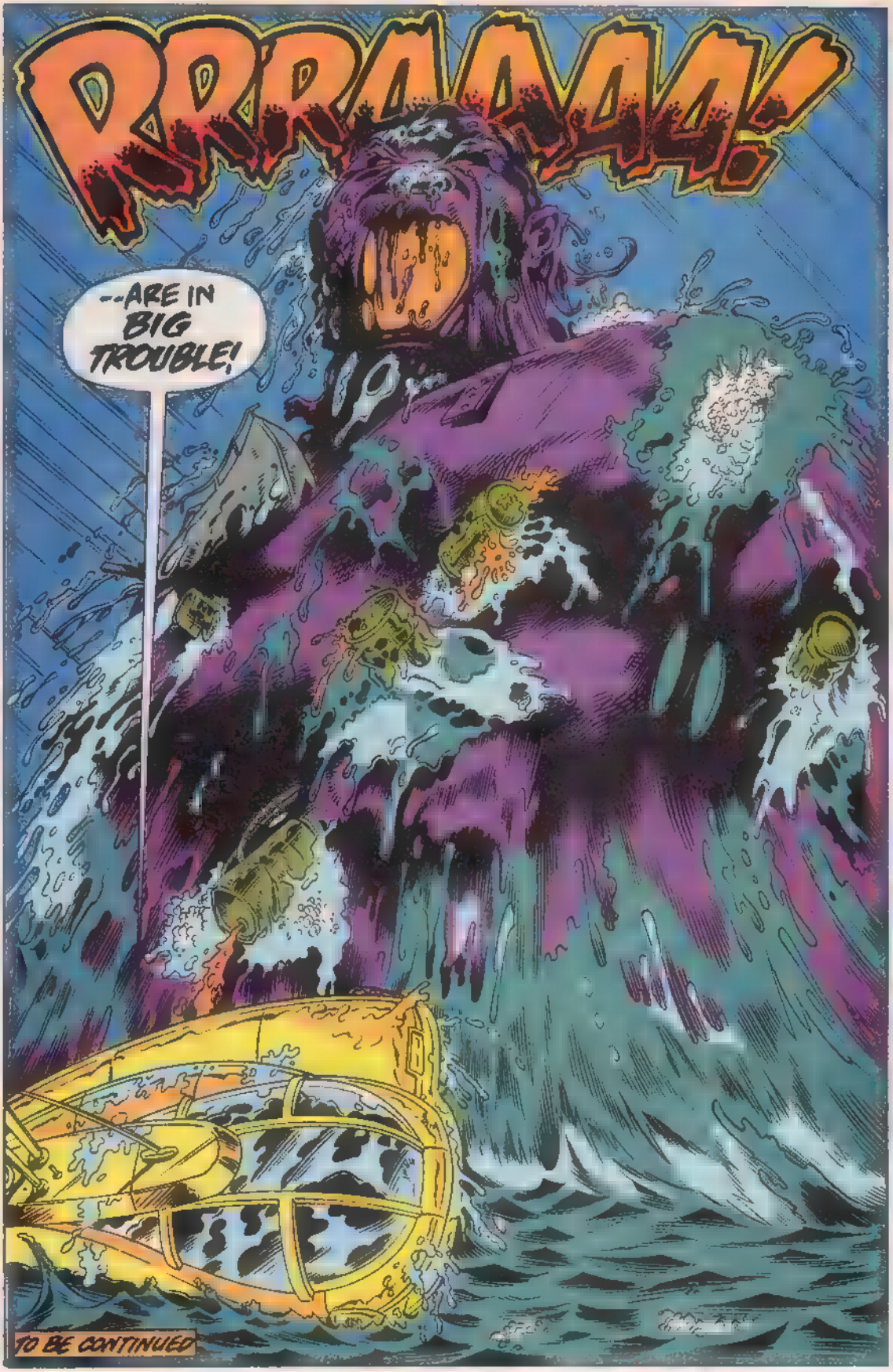
WAIT! WHEN SLUDGE FELL... THERE'S SOMETHING HAPPENING!
NO!
IT CAN'T BE!
IT IS!
IT'S... SLUDGE!
AND WE--


RRRAAA!
--ARE IN BIG TROUBLE!
TO BE CONTINUED

LAST ISSUE:
THE NEFARIOUS DR. BLIGHT LURED [redacted] HEROES TO [redacted] DESERT RESEARCH FACILITY AND INTO A DEADLY TRAP! CAUGHT IN A ROOM FILLED WITH AUTOMOBILE EXHAUST, CAPTAIN PLANET'S POWERS ARE FADING, AND WITHOUT THEIR RINGS, WHAT CAN THE PLANETEERS DO TO HELP?
CARBON COPY
PART TWO
THE CARBON [redacted] IS TAKING ITS TOLL--THE CAPTAIN [redacted] FADING FAST!
C'MON, GUYS-- THINK! WE GOTTA SOMEHOW STOP THE CAR ENGINES FROM PUMPING THAT STUFF IN HERE!
BUT HOW? DOCTOR BLIGHT'S EVIL COMPUTER, MAL, IS CONTROLLING THEM!
DA, SI... DA! MAL IS THE KEY TO THIS!
IF WE CAN BREAK INTO HIS DATABASE, WE CAN CHANGE THE PROGRAMMING TO STOP THE ENGINES...
ENTER DATABASE PASSWORD:
YOU HAVE TO ADMIT, DOCTOR, SHE'S GOT THE RIGHT IDEA. NOT JUST A PRETTY FACE, THEN.
COOL YOUR CHIPS, MAL-YOU ONLY HAVE LIGHT SENSORS FOR ME, REMEMBER. CLOSE DOWN HER TERMINAL RIGHT [redacted]

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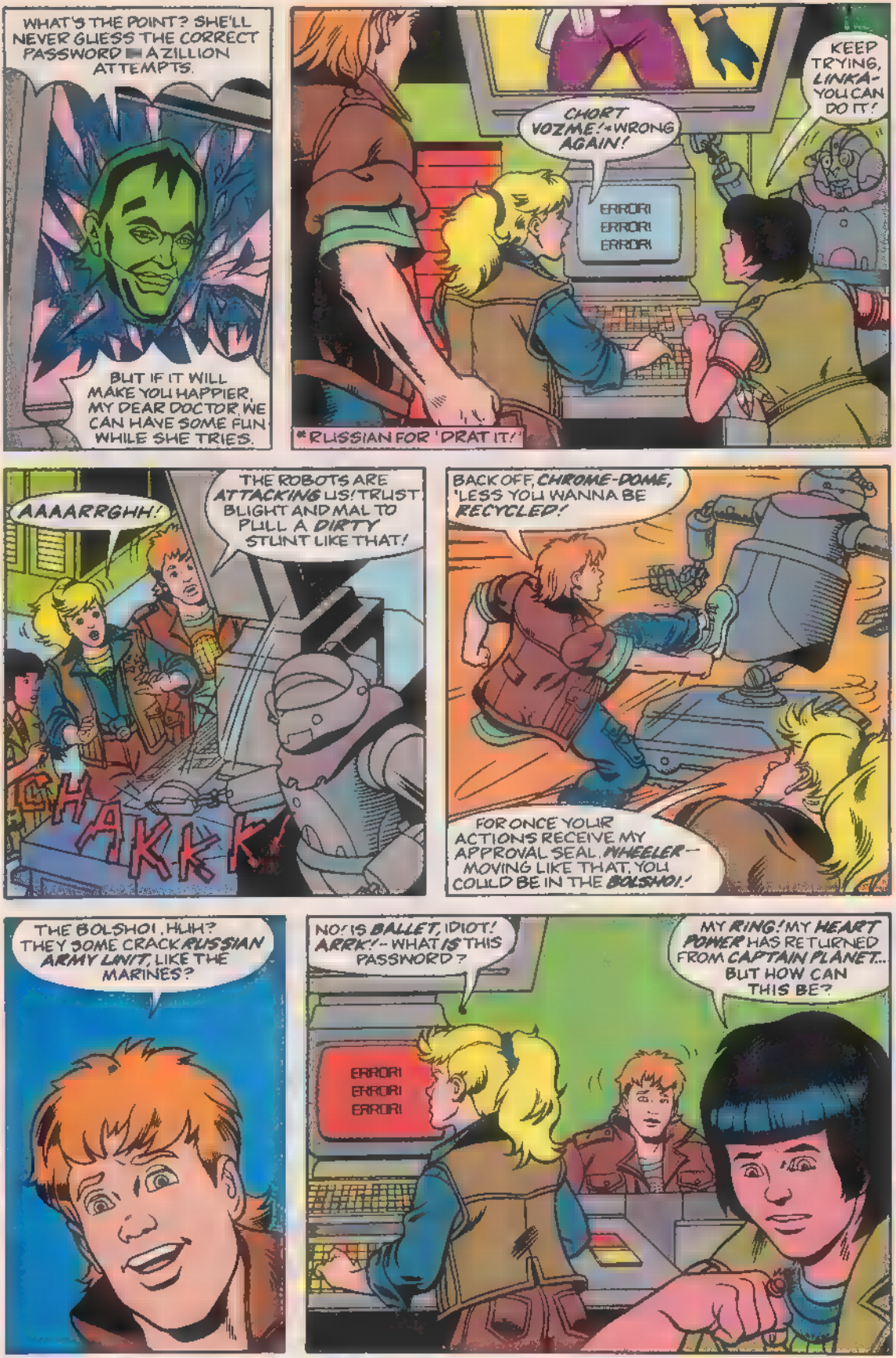
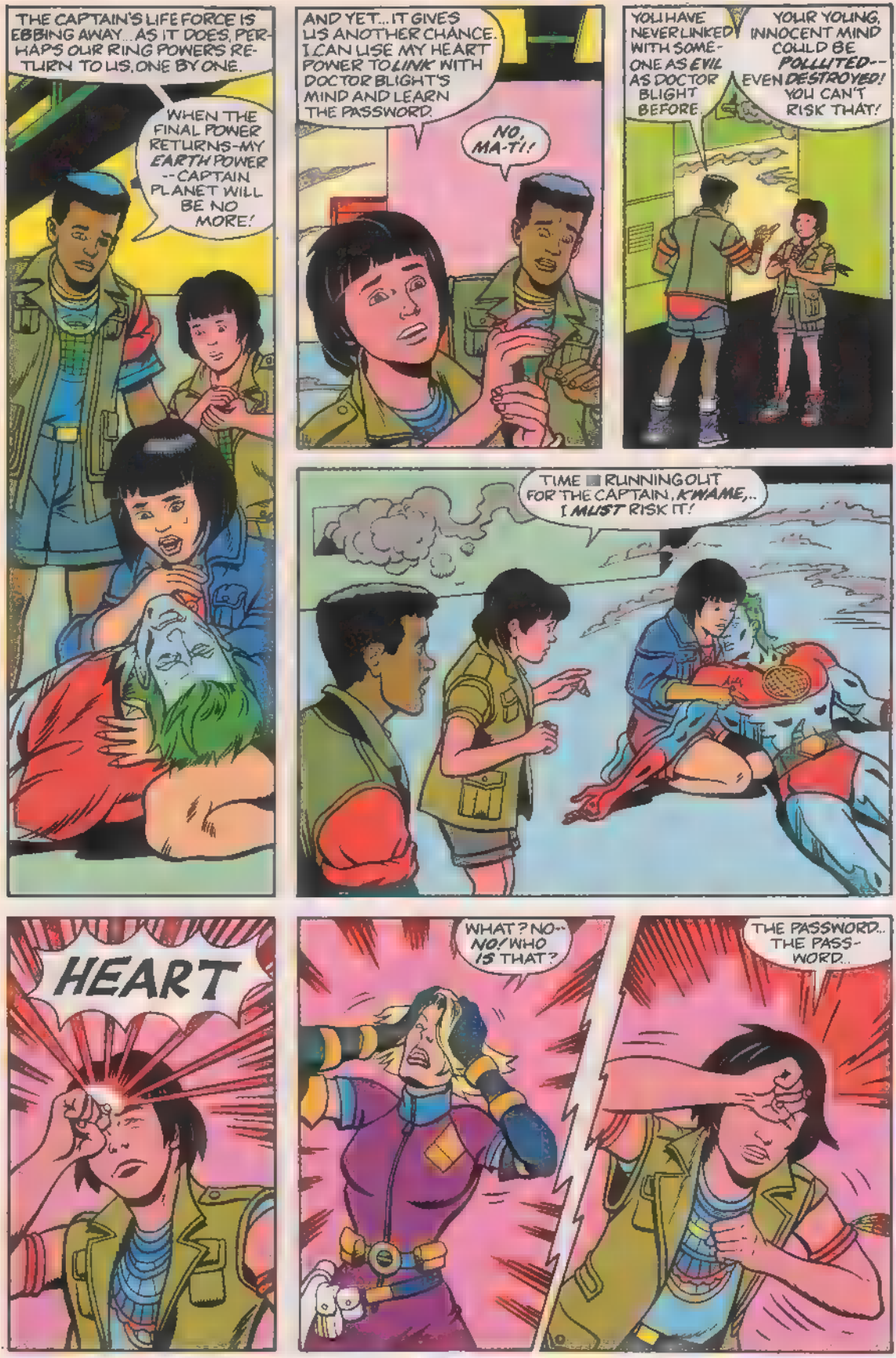
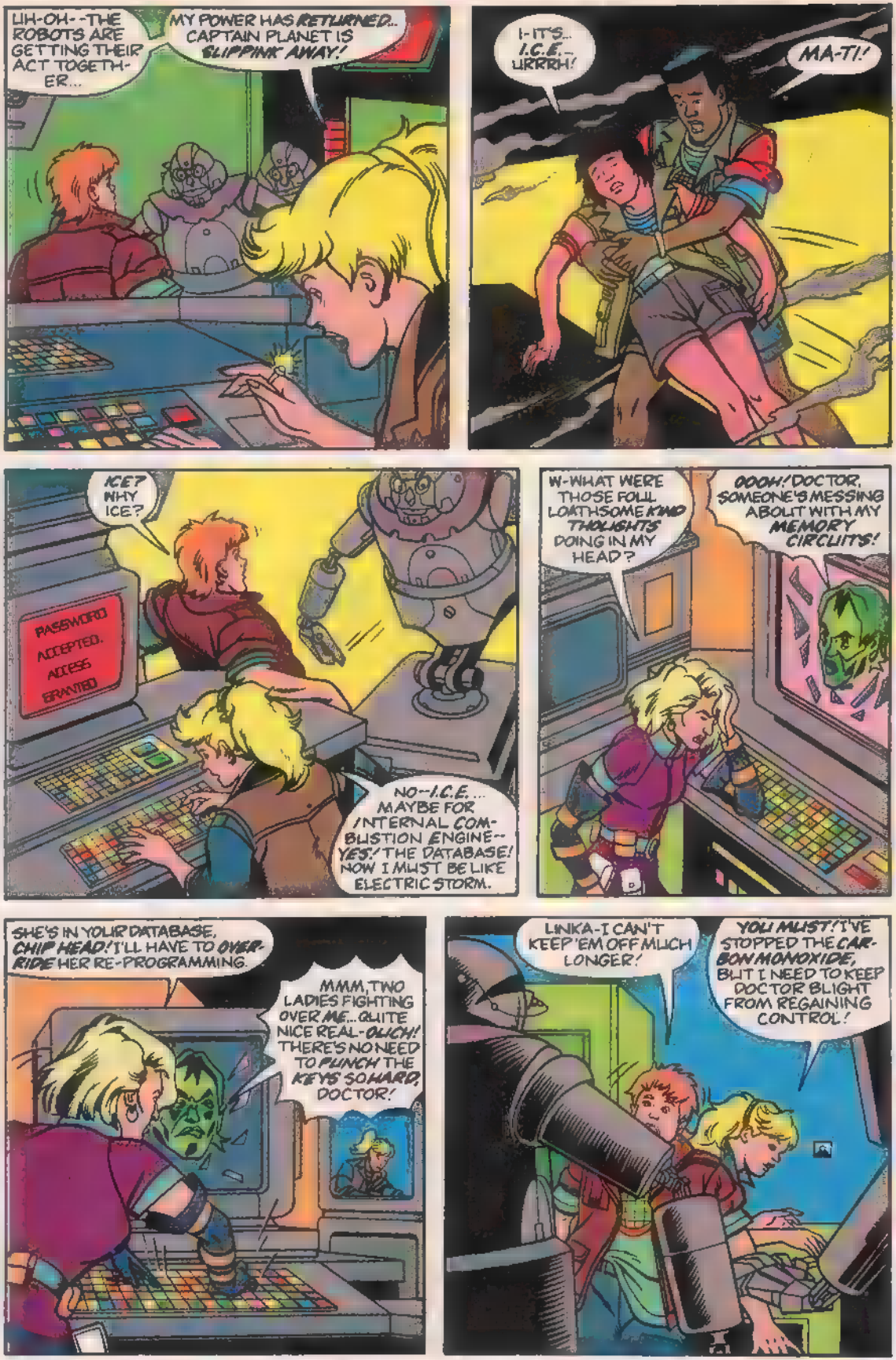
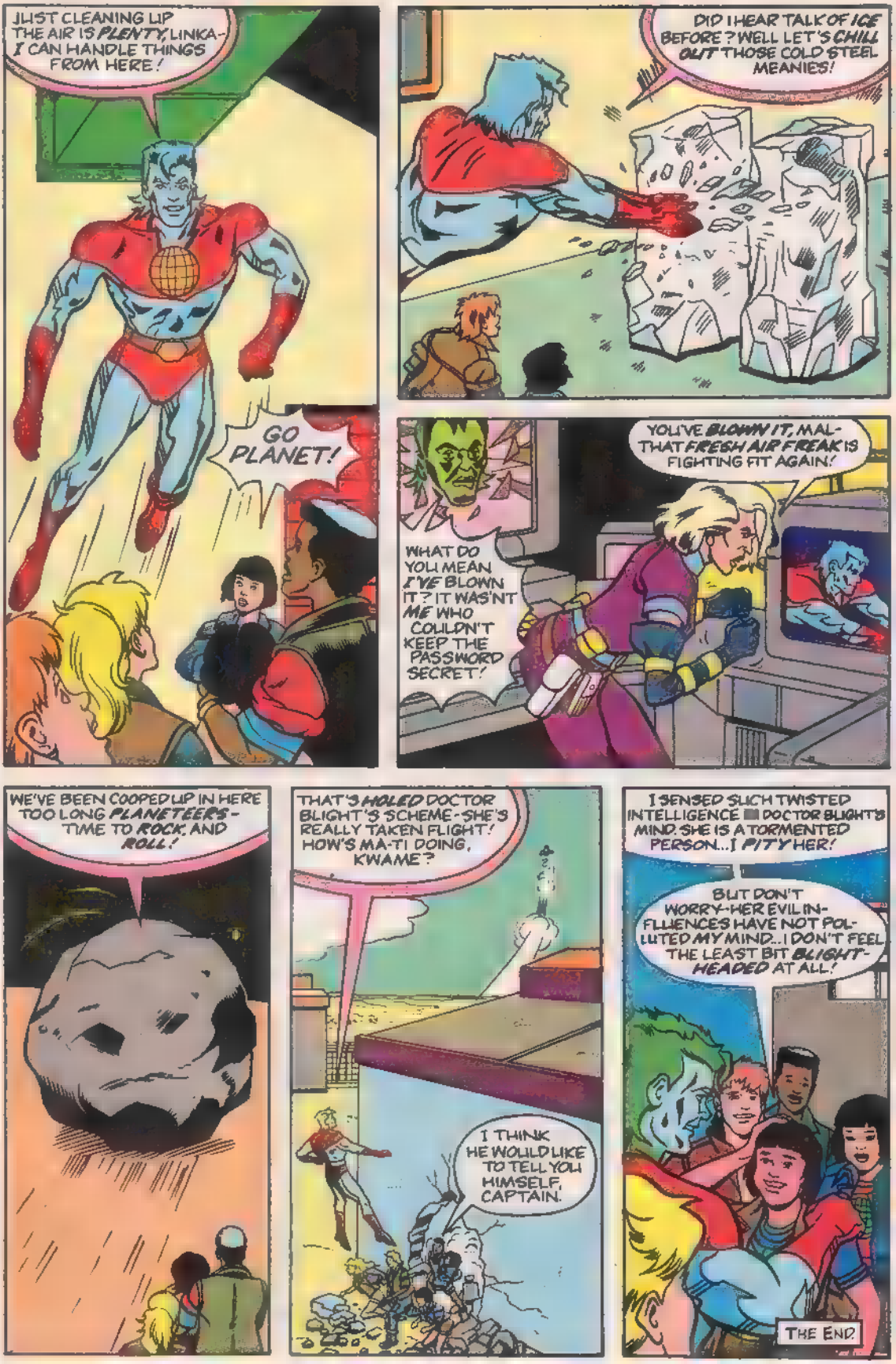

WHAT'S THE POINT? SHE'LL NEVER GUESS THE CORRECT PASSWORD IN A ZILLION ATTEMPTS.
BUT IF IT WILL MAKE YOU HAPPIER, MY DEAR DOCTOR, WE CAN HAVE SOME FUN WHILE SHE TRIES.
CHORT VOZME!*-WRONG AGAIN!
ERROR! ERROR! ERROR!
KEEP TRYING, LINKA- YOU CAN DO IT!
*RUSSIAN FOR 'DRAT IT!'
AAAARRGHH!
THE ROBOTS ARE ATTACKING US! TRUST BLIGHT AND MAL TO PULL A DIRTY STUNT LIKE THAT!
SHAKK
BACK OFF, CHROME-DOME, 'LESS YOU WANNA BE RECYCLED!
FOR ONCE YOUR ACTIONS RECEIVE MY APPROVAL SEAL, WHEELER— MOVING LIKE THAT, YOU COULD BE IN THE BOLSHOI!
THE BOLSHOI, HUH? THEY SOME CRACK RUSSIAN ARMY UNIT, LIKE THE MARINES?
NO! IS BALLET, IDIOT! ARRK!- WHAT IS THIS PASSWORD?
ERROR! ERROR! ERROR!
MY RING! MY HEART POWER HAS RETURNED FROM CAPTAIN PLANET... BUT HOW CAN THIS BE?


THE CAPTAIN'S LIFE FORCE IS EBBING AWAY... AS IT DOES, PERHAPS OUR RING POWERS RETURN TO US, ONE BY ONE.
WHEN THE FINAL POWER RETURNS-MY EARTH POWER --CAPTAIN PLANET WILL BE NO MORE!
AND YET... IT GIVES US ANOTHER CHANCE. I CAN USE MY HEART POWER TO LINK WITH DOCTOR BLIGHT'S MIND AND LEARN THE PASSWORD.
NO, MA-TI!
YOU HAVE NEVER LINKED WITH SOMEONE AS EVIL AS DOCTOR BLIGHT BEFORE.
YOUR YOUNG, INNOCENT MIND COULD BE POLLUTED-- EVEN DESTROYED! YOU CAN'T RISK THAT!
TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR THE CAPTAIN, K'WAME,.. I MUST RISK IT!
HEART
WHAT? NO-- NO! WHO IS THAT?
THE PASSWORD... THE PASSWORD...


UH-OH--THE ROBOTS ARE GETTING THEIR ACT TOGETH-ER...
MY POWER HAS RETURNED... CAPTAIN PLANET IS SLIPPIN' AWAY!
I-IT'S.. I.C.E.-- URRRH!
MA-TI!
ICE? WHY ICE?
PASSWORD ACCEPTED. ACCESS GRANTED
NO--I.C.E... MAYBE FOR INTERNAL COM-BUSTION ENGINE-- YES! THE DATABASE! NOW I MUST BE LIKE ELECTRIC STORM.
W-WHAT WERE THOSE FOUL LOATHSOME KIND THOUGHTS DOING IN MY HEAD?
OOOH! DOCTOR, SOMEONE'S MESSING ABOUT WITH MY MEMORY CIRCUITS!
SHE'S IN YOUR DATABASE, CHIP HEAD! I'LL HAVE TO OVER-RIDE HER RE-PROGRAMMING.
MMM, TWO LADIES FIGHTING OVER ME... QUITE NICE REAL-OUCH! THERE'S NO NEED TO PUNCH THE KEYS SO HARD, DOCTOR!
LINKA-I CAN'T KEEP 'EM OFF MUCH LONGER!
YOU MUST! I'VE STOPPED THE CAR-BON MONOXIDE, BUT I NEED TO KEEP DOCTOR BLIGHT FROM REGAINING CONTROL!


JUST CLEANING UP THE AIR IS PLENTY, LINKA- I CAN HANDLE THINGS FROM HERE!
GO PLANET!
DID I HEAR TALK OF ICE BEFORE? WELL LET'S CHILL OUT THOSE COLD STEEL MEANIES!
YOU'VE BLOWN IT, MAL- THAT FRESH AIR FREAK IS FIGHTING FIT AGAIN!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'VE BLOWN IT? IT WAS'NT ME WHO COULDN'T KEEP THE PASSWORD SECRET!
WE'VE BEEN COOPED UP IN HERE TOO LONG PLANETEERS - TIME TO ROCK AND ROLL!
THAT'S HOLED DOCTOR BLIGHT'S SCHEME - SHE'S REALLY TAKEN FLIGHT! HOW'S MA-TI DOING, KWAME?
I THINK HE WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU HIMSELF, CAPTAIN.
I SENSED SUCH TWISTED INTELLIGENCE ■ DOCTOR BLIGHT'S MIND. SHE IS A TORMENTED PERSON... I PITY HER!
BUT DON'T WORRY - HER EVIL IN-FLUENCES HAVE NOT POL-LUTED MY MIND... I DON'T FEEL THE LEAST BIT BLIGHT-HEADED AT ALL!
THE END

KWAME of the PLANETEERS in I FEEL THE EARTH MOVE!

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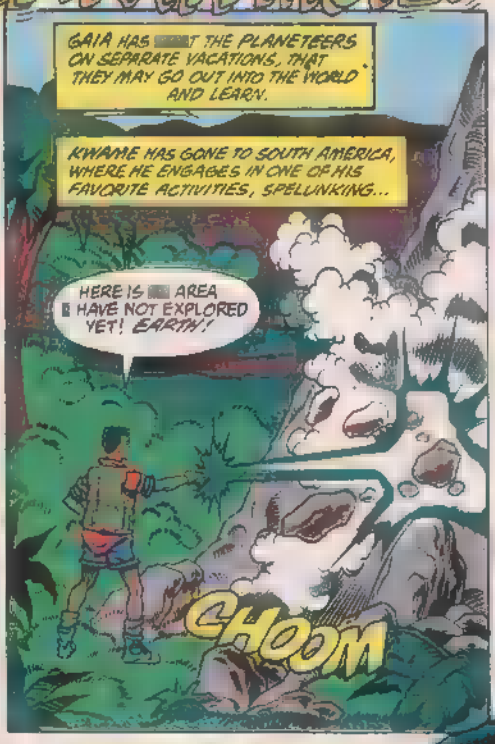
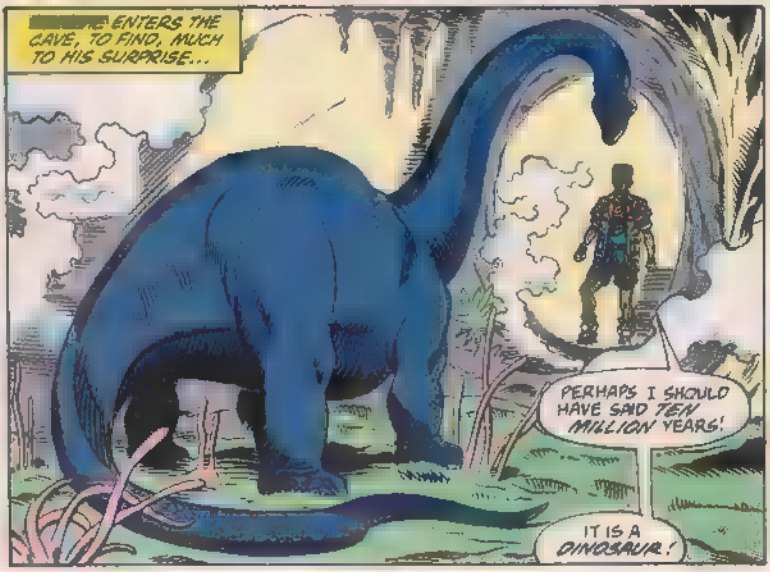

GAIA HAS [illegible]T THE PLANETEERS ON SEPARATE VACATIONS, THAT THEY MAY GO OUT INTO THE WORLD AND LEARN.
KWAME HAS GONE TO SOUTH AMERICA, WHERE HE ENGAGES IN ONE OF HIS FAVORITE ACTIVITIES, SPELUNKING...
HERE IS [illegible] AREA I HAVE NOT EXPLORED YET! EARTH!
CHOOM



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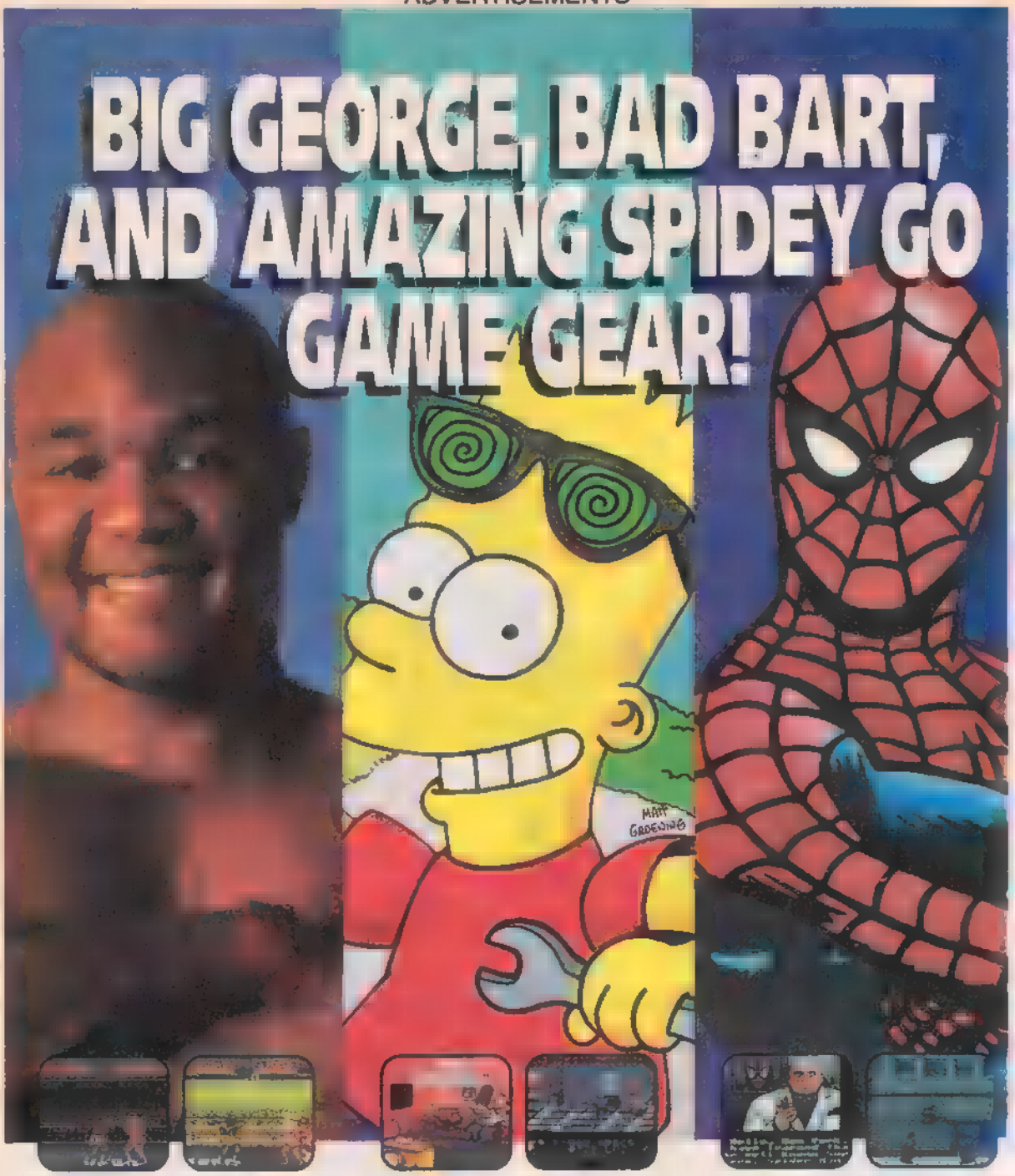

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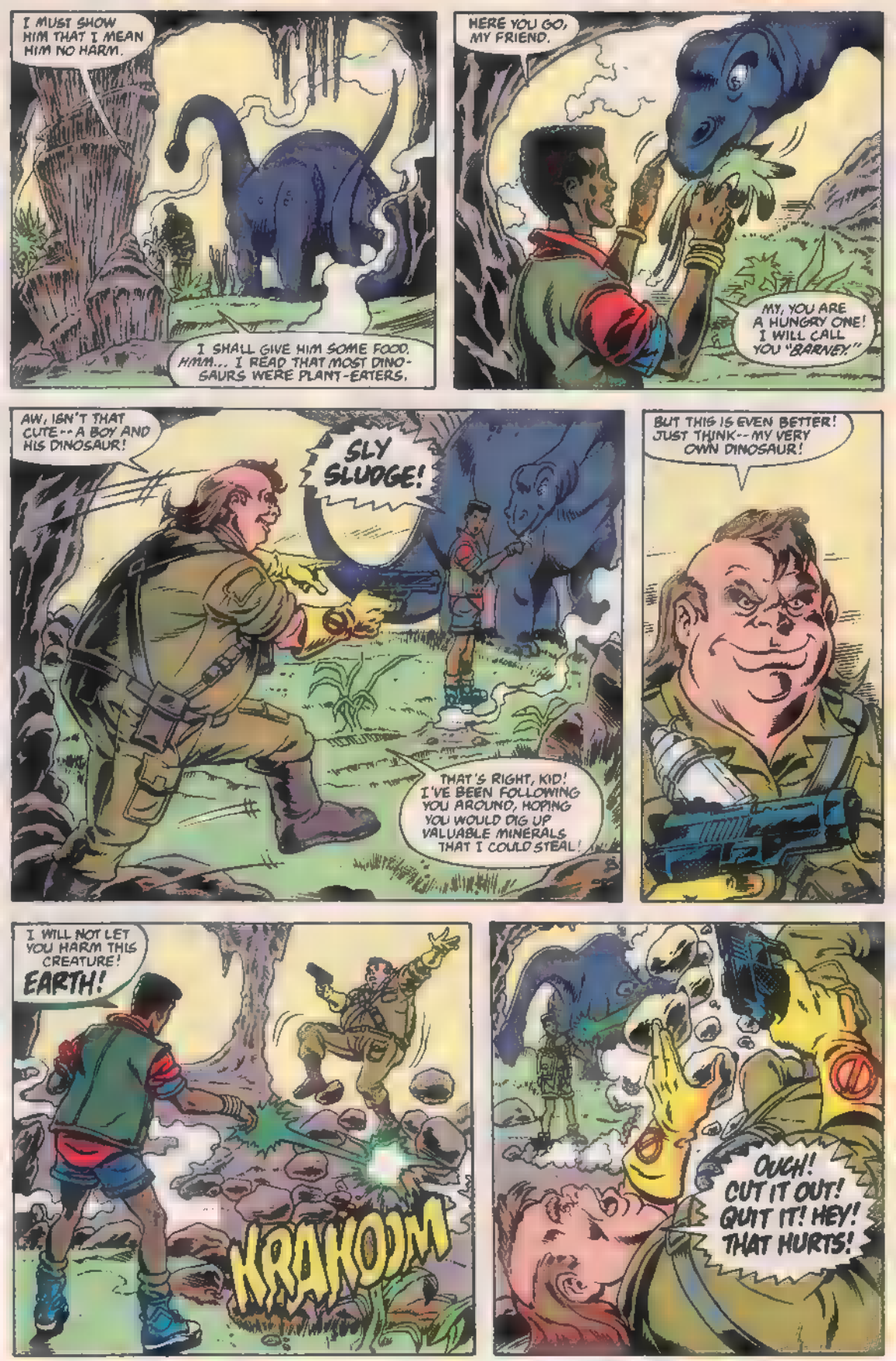
I MUST SHOW HIM THAT I MEAN HIM NO HARM.
I SHALL GIVE HIM SOME FOOD. HMM... I READ THAT MOST DINOSAURS WERE PLANT-EATERS.
HERE YOU GO, MY FRIEND.
MY, YOU ARE A HUNGRY ONE! I WILL CALL YOU "BARNEY."
AW, ISN'T THAT CUTE--A BOY AND HIS DINOSAUR!
SLY SLUDGE!
THAT'S RIGHT, KID! I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU AROUND, HOPING YOU WOULD DIG UP VALUABLE MINERALS THAT I COULD STEAL!
BUT THIS IS EVEN BETTER! JUST THINK--MY VERY OWN DINOSAUR!
I WILL NOT LET YOU HARM THIS CREATURE! EARTH!
KRAKOOM
OUCH! CUT IT OUT! QUIT IT! HEY! THAT HURTS!

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NOW, DON'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, OR THE DINO GETS IT!
YOU--YOU EVIL MAN! BARNEY COULD BE THE LAST DINOSAUR IN EXISTENCE!
YEAH, WELL HE'LL [redacted] EXTINCT IF YOU DON'T DO AS [redacted] SAY!
NOW, LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE SURFACE! AND NO TRICKS!

SHORTLY, BACK AT THE SURFACE...
JUST THINK HOW MUCH MONEY I MAKE THIS THING!
I CAN RENT HIM OUT TO CIRCUSES... GET HIM ON CURRENT AFFAIR...
I'LL MAKE A FORTUNE!
AND I OWE IT ALL TO YOU, KID! I COULDN'T HAVE FOUND HIM WITHOUT YOU!
HEY! STOP EATING THOSE LEAVES!
LISTEN TO ME, YOU STUPID BEAST!
NOW IS MY CHANCE TO ACT -- WHILE SLUDGE IS DISTRACTED!
HMMM... THAT VOLCANO GIVES ME AN IDEA...!
EARTH!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Hi, Heroes!

I've just been looking over a list of the new projects, titles, team-ups and series that our indefatigable editor-in-chief, Titanic Tom DeFalco, and his sagacious staff of editorpersons have been cooking up for you in their colorful little inglenooks here in the hallowed halls of Marvel.

Now this isn't gonna be a high-pressure, hard-sell puff piece describing all our fantastic new feature ideas; you'll be able to learn about them in the forthcoming WAM bulletins, as well as in future issues of MARVEL AGE and our usual batch of scintillating, self-laudatory ads and announcements in the months to come.

Instead, in these few paragraphs, which are among the most widely read in all of comicdom, I want to once again express my boundless admiration — and the admiration of Marvel fans everywhere — for the brilliant creative output of the most hardworking staff in comics.

Just think about it. Virtually every issue that Tom's loyal legions produces is tantamount to a full-length feature film in plot, complexity and characterization. But, whereas the average movie takes at least a year (and usually much longer) from inception to completion, our celebrated sagas are produced at the unbelievable rate of a new one each and every month! And hey, we're not talking just [illegible] movie-length masterpiece each month, but nearly a **hundred** separate superhero titles within each thirty-day period! It doth fairly boggle the mind!

That's the reason for this heartfelt though woefully inadequate tribute to Marvel's creative geniuses wherever they may be. It's not because they're unappreciated; they've won every award in the book! It's not because they twisted my arm; they have no idea I'm writing this! It's not because I have to; I can use this space to spout off about any subject under the sun! And it's not because I've never mentioned it before—I've extolled their brilliance many times over the past years.

No, the only reason I just had to write this column is because I admire and respect each and every one of these gifted Marvel madmen whose awesome creative output brings such reading pleasure to countless fans around the world. Although, "admire and respect" doesn't nearly say enough — I just plain love 'em all, and I've got a hunch that you do, too!

Excelsior!

Stan

Stan Lee

There was all sorts of *mayhem* around the Bullpen this month as [illegible] Marvel gang [illegible] featured on MTV. The excitement started when MTV veejay **Karyn Bryant** showed up with a camera [illegible] to tape [illegible] spots around the Bullpen. The spots aired one day in February, somewhere between "Club MTV" and "Yo, MTV Raps!" and featured such stalwarts as **Bob Harras**, **[illegible] Gruenwald**, and **Dave** (the Lettering Guy) **Sharpe**! Will this lead to future Marvel/MTV collaborations — "Club NFL Superpro," or "Yo, Darkhawk Raps!"? Guess we'll just have to let the chips fall where they *may*.

One guy who was hollering "*may*day" around the halls of Marvel was Epic Executive Editor **Carl Potts**, who recently launched a new epic with the birth of his [illegible] in January. Because Carl's baby was born under the Epic imprint, this means Carl and [illegible] wife **Cathy** retain complete ownership of [illegible] baby if [illegible] goes on to become [illegible] successful comic book series! (Contrary to rumor, Carl's baby wasn't born in the *Mayo* Clinic!)

One guy who didn't exactly come [illegible] on the *Mayflower* is **Len Kaminski**, who recently [illegible] staff to become regular scripter on IRON MAN, [illegible] all-new MORBIUS THE LIVING VAMPIRE series, and the long-awaited SLAPSTICK limited series. We've been promising SLAPSTICK for quite [illegible] while now, but this year, we'll get it out, come what *may*.

Taking Len's place as **Ralph Macchio's** [illegible] is **Pat Garrahy**, who *may* or *may* not run for *mayor* [illegible] day. Replacing Pat [illegible] **Glenn Herdling's** assistant is **Mike Lackey**, the writer of the smash hit WCW WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING comic, who told us he [illegible] longer wants to be hit over the [illegible] [illegible] steel chair by the WCW champ. Mike's [illegible] ambition in life [illegible] to actually be the one who gets to hit [illegible] champ over the [illegible] with the steel chair. WCW editor **Mike Rockwitz** [illegible] if Lackey keeps this up, he will personally whack Lackey over the head with a word processor, or desk, or whatever's handy.

That Mike Lackey *may* be wacky — but there were plenty of lunatics to be found [illegible] the annual Toy Fair which was held in New York the second week in February. There [illegible] tons and tons o' new toys [illegible] display — this being the event where toy manufacturers run their [illegible] product [illegible] up the *may*pole to [illegible] who salutes. The highlight of the toy fair for us, of course, [illegible] the party held [illegible] night for the Marvel elite to hobnob with retailers and manufacturers in the toy industry.

Terry Stewart and [illegible] **Lee** — no *may*-flies on these guys — were there to officially inaugurate the [illegible] anniversary celebration of **Spider-Man**. Spidey himself showed up to blow out the candles. A few of Spidey's friends and foes showed up, as well — among them, **Captain America**, **Iron Man**, **Doctor Doom**, and the **Green Goblin**. Some guys will do anything for a free meal!

Executives from Carolco Pictures were also present — that's the studio that's currently set [illegible] produce the **Spider-Man** live-action motion picture — but sadly, Spidey director **James Cameron** [illegible] unable to attend. Be that [illegible] it *may*, a splendid time was had by all.

The centerpiece of the Marvel party [illegible] The Danger Room, which was a special trap-filled room that had been set up to snare unsuspecting party-goers. The room [illegible] filled with smoke, and you all know how dangerous smoke is! You could *choke* on it! An overweight **Professor** [illegible] on a viewscreen guided victims through the room, which offered opportunities to play the Spidey and Captain America arcade video games absolutely free! Talk about danger — patrons could have been trampled by overeager video enthusiasts. Thankfully, this did not occur. Other hazards: The Danger Room was very dark — people could have tripped and bumped their heads! Ninety percent of all Danger Room head injuries are caused by poor lighting! The showstopper was [illegible] ten-foot robot which stalked like a **Sentinel** with [illegible] few chips short of a full memory. Truly, [illegible] who entered were lucky [illegible] have made it out alive. After a harrowing experience like that, [illegible] [illegible] could have used a vacation down [illegible] Cape *May*!

Well, it looks like we *may* be out of room for this month. Or [illegible] *may* not. We *may* never know.

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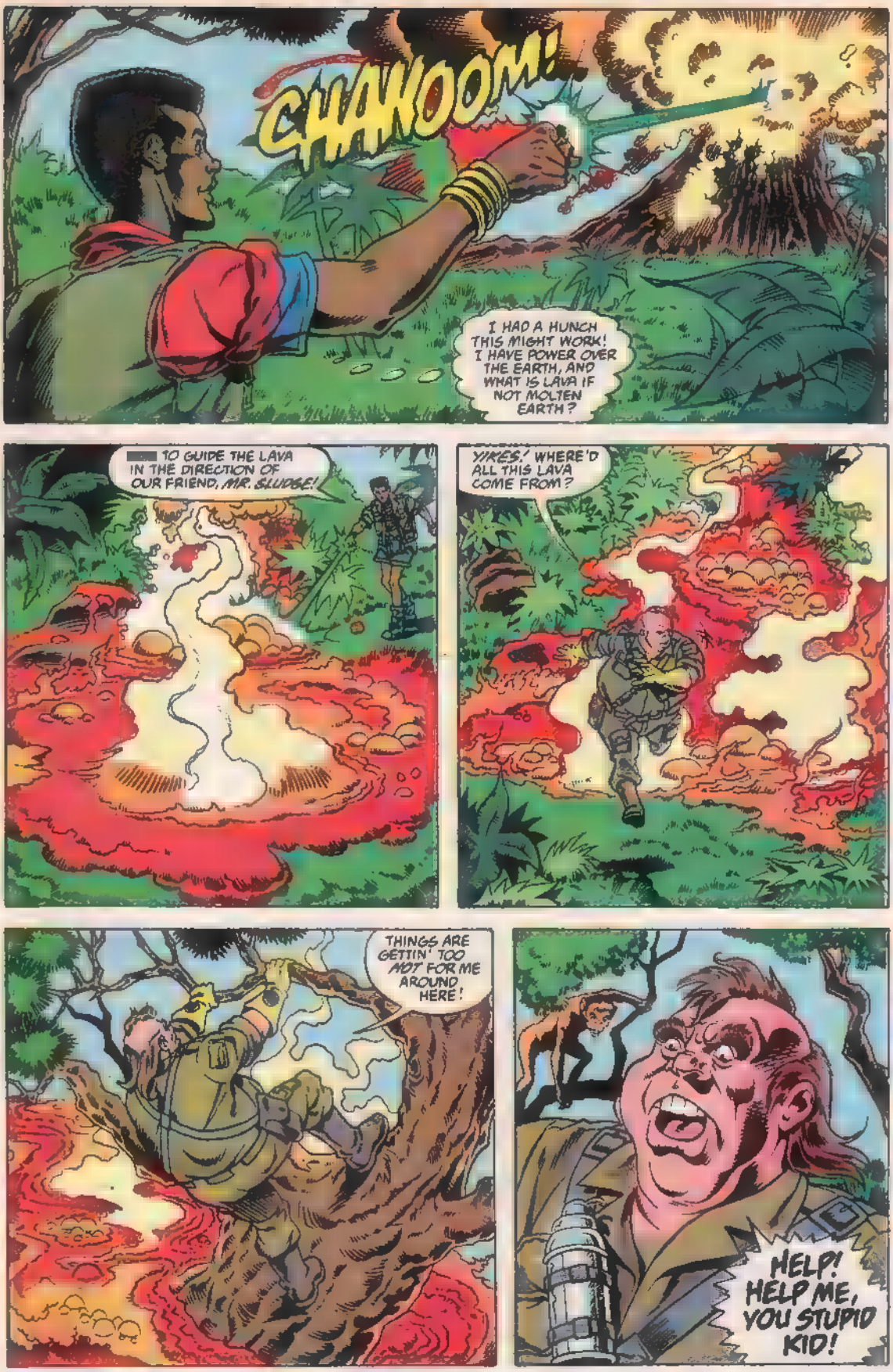
CHAKOOM!
I HAD A HUNCH THIS MIGHT WORK! I HAVE POWER OVER THE EARTH, AND WHAT IS LAVA IF NOT MOLTEN EARTH?
TO GUIDE THE LAVA IN THE DIRECTION OF OUR FRIEND, MR. SLUDGE!
YIKES! WHERE'D ALL THIS LAVA COME FROM?
THINGS ARE GETTIN' TOO HOT FOR ME AROUND HERE!
HELP! HELP ME, YOU STUPID KID!

Mighty detailed replica of Rubiks Cube puzzle box makes the perfect hiding place for your valuable treasures. The secret panel is easy to find—for some people! Minor assembly required. About 4" square. Plastic.

6990 Puzzle Box $19.95

As Seen On TV!

Near whispers up to 25-ft. away. Electronic ears disguised as a pocket radio. People assume you're listening to music. Actually you're hearing every word from across the room. Features: noise limiting, dirt-resistant coating. Volume control & earphones. Uses 9-volt battery. 4" x 2½" x 1". Weighs only 3 oz.

2293 Listener $7.00

Disguised like a pocket dictionary, this 110-style camera is easily hidden and ready to take a secret photo any time! Imagine the looks on your friend's faces when you snap their picture with a dictionary! Close-up & wide-angle lens and carry strap. 4¼" x 2½" x 1¼".

3008 Book Camera $9.00

Set of approximately 80 tattoos, including dragons, bugs, hearts, cartoons, etc. Just place them on your skin & dab with water about 30 seconds. Soaks up to 3 times!

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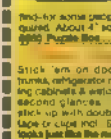

Stick 'em on doors, car trunks, refrigerator doors, filing cabinets & switch for the second glances. Easy to stick up with double-sided tape or glue. Incl. both wing tools just like the real thing!

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120 Video! Just push the hidden button for high-tech push-to-talk "big jerk" & "idiot." You get an earful from small enough to conceal in your palm or pocket. Batteries, not included.

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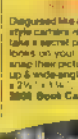

Soft & supple leather. Tight fitting Velcro wrist strap. Stainless steel. S, M, L.

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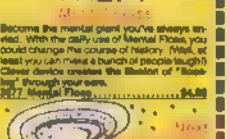

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Authentic replicas. Popular badges are attractively officially engraved with raised screen eagle design as illustrated. Heavy-duty metal pin with nickel-plated silver color finish. Each badge is about 2½" high. Badges absent perfect to use with any badge.

6081 Private Detective $4.98

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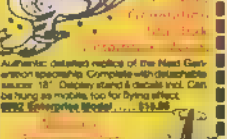

What makes it go on & on at 2500 rpm? No apparent energy source! Defying brain teaser that bugs the bright set. Is it perpetual motion solved at last? The answer to UFO & flying saucers? Magic, mystery & science combined. Never wears out. Spins for days. Incl plastic base, saucer-shaped spinner & secret explanation. Gift boxed.

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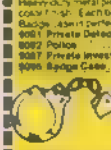

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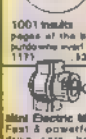

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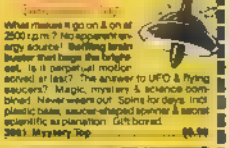

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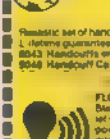

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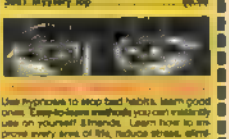

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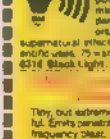

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Black light investigative ultra violet detector. Makes objects, posters, paints, make up, minerals, etc. Responds to dark to brilliant, fire-like colors. Create "turned on" and supernatural effects. Many practical & scientific uses. 75 watt, 110 volt.

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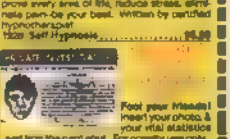

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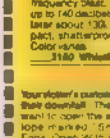


Tiny, but extremely powerful. Emits penetrating, high frequency blast. Repels dogs up to 140 decibels (jets ring loser about 130). High impact, shatterproof plastic. Color varies.

3180 Whistle $4.95

Easy to ride in your hand when making "natural" noises-better imagined than described! Only 2", but a great funmaker!

2630 ..... $3.00

Hatch entire family of exciting pets in just 3 minutes! Add "instant pets" to purified water watch them grow, play, etc. Easy to care for. Nothing else to buy. With year's supply of food. Complete handbook of facts included.

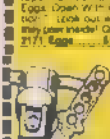
3780 Sea Monkeys $5.50

Confucius said, "Impossible to open yet simple." Or was it? Well, yes! The secret pieces even the most clever. Looks like beautiful 2½" solid puzzle, but only opens for those who KNOW the secret. Stun your friends!

3664 Chinese Box $9.95

Feed your friends! Insert your photo & your vital statistics and from the card shut. For novelty uses only.

1748 Investigator Card $4.95

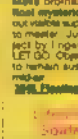


All stainless. Unbreakable. Unbendable. Double edged 4" blade with safe. All plastic sheath with fast push button release and rubber bands for wearing on arms & legs. 8½" overall length.

3807 Dive Knife $15.95

Looks like attractively bound book, but opens to reveal concealment lock safe. Keep valuable papers, jewels, money etc. hidden away in plain sight.

3012 Book Safe $12.95



Make ordinary objects float mysteriously with out visible support. Easy to master. Just hold object by fingertips-then LET GO! Secret apparatus to remain suspended in mid-air.

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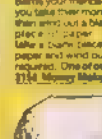
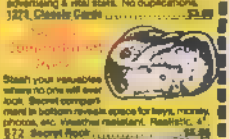


Battle your friends as you take their money, then send out a blank piece of paper. Or take a blank piece of paper and send out a crisp bill. No practice required. One of our favorite tricks!

3134 Money Maker Trick $3.00



Full-color reproductions. Originals could be worth up to $20,000! 96 reprints from Bessette's golden age-1880-1940. Ely Cobb, Dizzy Dean, The Babe, & many more. Each with full-color picture, original advertising & vital stats. No duplications.

1321 Classic Cards $3.95

Approximately 30" long! Threatening stare. Slimy, realistic feel. Eyes of snake varies, but guaranteed big & especially scary!

2985 Snake $3.98

Looks so real, it's guaranteed to scare the wits out of any arachnophobic. Hand-made replica of Ant. Mimic spider 3" long & ready to strike. Incl. pin for hanging on drapes, clothes, etc. for realistic effects.

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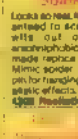
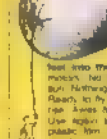


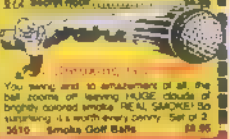
Whoopee Cushion & Ray Vision Specs & Money Catcher Snapping Gum 10 oz. of our most popular practical jokes. Includes the current Johnson Smith Catalog. Picks may vary, but fun does not!!! $20 VALUE! SALE! $9!

705 Packs $11.95



Soars hundreds of feet into the sky, no batteries. No motors, no helium. All you need is sun. Nothing to build. Nothing to buy. Ready to fly. Just release & watch it take flight. Amazing yet very effective. Just the ages 4-99 again. Made of thin plastic film with 60-ft. nylon cord to which you can add additional cord 10-ft. long, 2 per pack.

7572 Giant Soarer UFO $4.98



Stash your valuables where no one will ever look. Secret compartment is between reveals space for keys, money, photos, etc. Weather resistant. Realistic 4".

572 Secret Rock $5.95

Brass plated handle opens to reveal blade, then locks blade into position. Very handy. Easy-open pocket knife. Rust-free, stainless steel blade. Safety lock. Twist open keychain. Fully open 3½".

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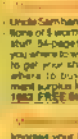
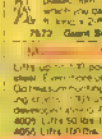


Uncle Sam hands out bills. Some of $ worth of FREE stuff. 84-page book tells you where to write or call to get your share. Incl. where to buy go-item merchandise purples for "peanuts."

1983 FREE Stuff Book $2.00



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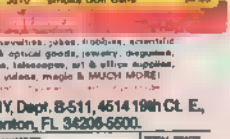

You swing and to amusement of all, the ball zooms off leaving HUGE clouds of brightly colored smoke. REAL SMOKE! So surprising it is worth every penny. Set of 2.

3610 ..... Smoke Golf Balls $8.95

Keep cool wherever you go. Handy pocket size. Powerful. Use standard battery.

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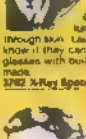
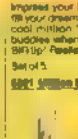


Greatest illusion of the century! Apparently see bones through skin. Laugh riot when people don't know if they can trust you! Regular size glasses with built-in optical illusion. U.S. made.

3762 X-Ray Specs ..... $1.98 a pair



Imprint your friends & fill with your dream of having "a cool million." Stun your buddies when you leave a $1 tip! Realistic print.

Set of 5

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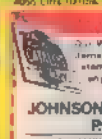

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See behind yourself in complete secrecy. Special lenses provide mirrors for you to see what is happening in back of you & no one else knows! Fits over all UV rays & works like normal sunglasses too.

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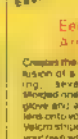

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3307 Wand $3.50

Creates the incredible illusion of a living, thriving, severed arm! Sleeved one-piece foam glove and arm unit fastens onto your wrist with Velcro straps. Slips onto your own wrist for a realistic illusion.

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COME ON, GET ME DOWN FROM HERE! I HAVEN'T GOT ALL DAY!
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD ASK MORE NICELY, MR. SLUDGE!
OKAY, OKAY. PLEASE GET ME DOWN, YOU STUPID KID!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? PUT ME DOWN!
VERY WELL, MR. SLUDGE. SINCE I HAVE STOPPED THE VOLCANO FROM ERUPTING, I CAN SET YOU DOWN IN THE MUD!
SPLOOSH
NOW I WILL CAUSE THE MUD TO HARDEN! THAT OUGHT TO HOLD YOU FOR A WHILE!
SHORTLY, BACK IN THE CAVE...
GOODBYE, BARNEY. I HAD HOPED TO [redacted] YOU WITH ME BACK TO HOPE ISLAND. BUT NOW I SEE THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE.
I THINK THE GASES AND PLANTS IN THIS CAVE ARE WHAT KEEP YOU ALIVE.
I WILL SEAL THE CAVE, SO THAT NONE WILL EVER FIND BARNEY, AGAIN! EARTH!
CHOOM!
IT IS FUNNY--AT ONE TIME, THE DINOSAURS RULED THE EARTH. THEN THEY BECAME EXTINCT.
NOW, MAN RULES THE EARTH. BUT IF WE ARE NOT CAREFUL, WE COULD SOMEDAY BE EXTINCT, TOO.
LET US HOPE WE LEARN FROM THE LESSON OF THE DINOSAUR!
THE END

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WHAT IS THE MATTER, JAMES?
I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE EARTH!
WHAT CAN I DO TO SAVE IT?
THE SMITHS
THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY, JAMES. THERE ARE MANY THINGS YOU CAN DO.
FOR INSTANCE, DO NOT LEAVE THE WATER RUNNING WHEN YOU BRUSH YOUR TEETH! YOU WILL SAVE MANY GALLONS OF WATER THIS WAY!
107-23
AND TAKE SHORT SHOWERS INSTEAD OF BATHS! SHOWERS USE FAR LESS WATER THAN BATHS!
NO WAY!
WAY!
DO NOT LEAVE YOUR REFRIGERATOR DOOR OPEN WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO EAT.
IT WASTES ENERGY.
I ♥ YOU MOM!
NOW YOU SOUND LIKE MY MOM!
YOUR MOTHER KNOWS WHAT SHE IS TALKING ABOUT! DOES SHE TELL YOU TO TURN THE TV OFF WHEN YOU LEAVE THE ROOM?
YES!
AND DOES SHE TELL YOU TO CLOSE THE DOOR WHEN YOU GO OUT OF THE HOUSE?
YES!
THESE ARE ALL GOOD WAYS OF SAVING ENERGY! LITTLE THINGS ADD UP TO A LOT, IF WE ALL DO OUR PART!
REMEMBER, THE POWER IS YOURS!

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We won't forget, Travis! Nice to see you're such a big fan of Captain Planet—and of saving the Earth!

Dear Marvel,

So Cap wants mail, eh? (Just remember, you ASKED for it!) Well, I have one word for you: HOORAY!

Something like CAPTAIN PLANET was long overdue, sez those of us who value breathing clean air (or drinking clean water, or whatever) more than we want to roll in more money than anyone would know what to do with. Here's hoping it becomes a classic; as much a part of the world's lingo as a certain TV show whose message was also survival and hope.

In the meantime, you people have done an excellent job of translating animated material to book form. Despite their similiarities, the two are very different art forms, even though your talents make it look easy. (But since when is Gi sweet on Wheeler?)

This "rocket scientist" salutes you and wishes you well. And Cap—we're with you all the way!

Dian Hardison
Kennedy Space Center, FL

Wow! We just printed a letter from Dian last month, and now here she is again! Guess she really is one of our most Di-Hard fans! We don't know if CAPTAIN PLANET will be remembered as long as *STAR TREK*, but hopefully its message will live on for a long time to come.

As for Gi and Wheeler, well, there's nothing serious going on there, but let's just say it seemed likely for rock and roll-loving Gi to be attracted to rebel Wheeler. Since Wheeler's advances toward Linka never seem to get him anything but a cold shoulder, it's only natural to think he might start looking elsewhere. However, we don't think Wheeler will ever give up on Linka. He sees her as a great challenge.

Your comments about the differences between animation and comics are well taken. We've tried to find just the right mix with CAPTAIN PLANET, taking advantage of the strengths of both mediums. Nice to see our efforts are noticed and appreciated.

Dear Marvel,

Captain Planet is a very good comic. It teaches us how to take better care of our planet. If it wouldn't be too much trouble, can you send me CAPTAIN PLANET #3, because it's the only one I am missing. Thank you very much.

Ray Sines
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Sorry, Ray, but we can't send you CAPTAIN PLANET #3, because Marvel does not stock copies of back issues of our comics. However, that issue shouldn't be too hard to find. We recommend you try comic book stores in your area, or order from the back issue dealers who advertise in Marvel Comics. Happy hunting!

Dear Writers,

I was wondering about something in CAPTAIN PLANET AND THE PLANETEERS #6. Why is it that the powers of earth, wind, fire, water, and heart could harm Gaia, the spirit of the Earth? It would really help me understand if you told me.

Bryce Tollefson
502 E. Fillmore
Mabel, MN 55954

Well, Bryce, as you've seen by now, that was not actually Gaia whom the brainwashed Planeteers were attacking in issue #6. That was a hologram projected by Gaia from within her crystal chamber. We don't know if the Planeteers' powers actually could harm Gaia, but fortunately, we'll never have to find out.

Dear Marvel,

I love Captain Planet. The Planeteers are doing great. I have almost all of the comics. My favorite Planeteer is Gi. I like what she does. Can you please show Gi using her powers more? Can you make me a picture of Gi when she is using her power?

Mathew DeSousa
270 West Ave.
Patchoge, NY 11772

Sorry, but we can't send out pictures of our characters, Matt! If our artists sent out drawings to everyone who asked, they'd never have time to draw the comics! Hopefully, last issue's Gi solo story, "Catch a Wave!" gave you all the Gi solo action you could want! If you want to see more of Gi in action, keep watching the TV show and reading CAPTAIN PLANET comics!

Dear Staff,

I have bought every issue of CAPTAIN PLANET AND THE PLANETEERS so far. I don't usually do this, but I liked #3 and #4 so well that I couldn't resist buying an extra copy of both books.

I think Wheeler is my favorite Planeteer. I especially like the way he came through and helped to defeat Duke Nukem in #4.

The series has a lot of very interesting villains as well as a number of good supporting characters. I find this series to be very educational as well as entertaining.

Arthur Wallace
1339 W. Norcova Dr.
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Arthur, we've always tried to make CAPTAIN PLANET informative as well as entertaining. Why, it's infotainment!

It seems everybody has a favorite Planeteer. If any of you Eco-warriors out there haven't written in yet, why not drop us a line and let us know who your favorite is.

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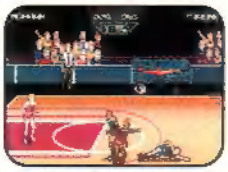

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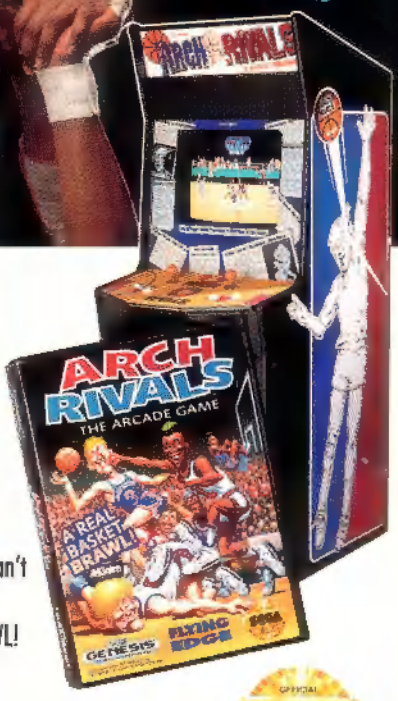

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